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1. SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT--

INABILITY OF WESTERN EUROPEAN (WEOG) AND OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS,
WITH EXCEPT OF ASIANS, TO DECIDE ON THEIR SLATES FOR
54-MEMBER PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS HELD UP PLENARY ADOPTION OF RESOL

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UTION CALLING FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. GA
PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE INTENDS TO SELECT SLATES HIMSELF IF
REGIONAL GROUPS CANNOT DECIDE
ON THEIR CANDIDATES, BUT WEOG IS PROPOSING THAT PART-
ICIPATION ISSUE BE POSTPONED UNTIL EARLY 1977. THE WEOG
PROBLEM IS THAT 18 OUT OF 20 MEMBERS (ALL EXCEPT MALTA
AND LUXEMBLURG) HAVE DECLARED THEIR INTEREST IN COMPETING FOR 13
SEATS. ASIAN GROUP HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED ON FOLLOWING TO
FILL ITS 11 SEATS: BANGLADESH, CYPRUS, INDIA,
IRAN, IRAQ, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES
AND SRI LANKA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 6197)

2. LESOTHO'S COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA--

IN AFRICAN GROUP DISCUSSION OF LESOTHO'S COMPLAINT AGAINST
SOUTH AFRICA, MANY MEMBERS URGED SHORT DEBATE IN SECURITY
COUNCIL. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED RESOLUTION WOULD CONDEMN
SOUTH AFRICA, DENOUNCE CREATION OF SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANS-
KEI, AND CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST LESOTHO.
BRITISH, WHO UNDERSTAND LESOTHO FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE
COMING TO NEW YORK, HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING DRAFTING WITH LESOTHO PERM
REP. ACCORDING TO THE LATTER, "MODERATE" AFRICANS BEAT
BACK NIGERIAN DESIRE FOR VIGOROUS ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN DEBATE
BY POINTING OUT THAT THE SC WILL DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA SPECIF-
ICALLY EARLY IN 1977. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 6200)

3. DONAUPARK--

SWISS AND AUSTRIANS PRESENTED THEIR CASES ON DONAUPARK
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AT EC-9 MEETING. VIEWS EXPRESSED BY EC-9 WERE MIXED, WITH
FRENCH SUPPORTING SWISS VIEWS, AND THE NINE DESIGNATED FRG
AND BELGIUM TO NEGOTIATE DRAFT RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO
SWISS, AUSTRIANS AND US. AT EVENING MEETING DEC. 14,
BELGIUM (WHICH WAS REOPENING ISSUES ALREADY AGREED TO BY
THE THREE HOST COUNTRIES) AND FRG WERE EASED OUT, AND
US/AUSTRIAN/SWISS NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED. MORNING OF DEC. 15
AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT DELEGATIONS LEVEL ON A TEXT, AND
SCENARIO AGREED UPON FOR AUSTRIA TO INTRODUCE THE DRAFT AND
THE SWISS AND US TO ANNOUNCE SUPPORT FOR IT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL

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4. APARTHEID IN SPORTS--

BECAUSE CANADA IS HOSTING COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN 1977,
CANADIANS TOLD THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GRROUP THEY
ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DRAFTING
OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST APARTHEID IN SPORTS.

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